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MEMORANDUM FOR: Working Group II Member
Treasury Department - Attention: Mr. S. E. Connelley
Working Group II Member
Commerce Department - Attention: Mr. E. Lindsay

FROM: CIA Working Group II Representative

SUBJECT: Reports of possible diversion of US Automotive
Equipment and Welded Steel Pipe

1. The unevaluated information contained in the attached documents has been cleared for ACTION by the Department of Commerce and the Department of Treasury. It is requested that if any investigation is undertaken on the basis of Attachment II, the source of the information be protected.
2. In a subsequent interview the source of Attachment I stated that over 1,000 new vehicles of unspecified origin were imported into Laos over an unidentified period of time. Regardless of the time factor, however, the ability of Laos to utilize this number of trucks on its rather insignificant highway system appears highly questionable, supporting the supposition that Laos was not actually their final destination.
3. With regard to Attachment II, it is possible that you may wish to contact the source for additional information. He has requested that correspondence by this Agency be transmitted in a plain envelope, and it is suggested that your initial correspondence, if any, follow this pattern.
4. Please advise this Agency of the use of the information contained in this memorandum and the attached documents.

Attachments:

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